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#### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Gerald REINDERS and Harry ERFURT

Group Art Unit: 1761

Application No.: 10/023,178

Examiner: Leslie A. WONG

Filed: December 17, 2001

Confirmation No.: 3294

For: PROCESS FOR THE ADAPTATION OF FLAVOR MIXTURES

Attorney Docket No.: 3968.043

Customer No.: 000041288

### AMENDMENT B AND REQUEST FOR A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Responsive to the Office Action of August 02, 2004, please amend the above identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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### EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER

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Sir:

Attached hereto is an **AMENDMENT B** in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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Further, please charge any additional fees, except the Issue Fee, necessary for the continued pendency of this application to Deposit Account 16-0877.

Respectfully submitted,

Registration No. 45,630

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Date: November 2, 2004

## CERTIFICATE OF MAILING AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE

I hereby certify that the foregoing EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER for U.S. Application No. 10/023,178 filed December 17, 2001, was deposited in first class U.S. mail, with sufficient postage, addressed: Attn: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on November 2, 2004.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required at any time during the prosecution of this application without specific authorization, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0877.

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